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## **Headline: Indiana Digital Archives Named Among Nation's Best Family History Websites**

**INDIANAPOLIS** (July 5, 2011) – The Indiana Digital Archives was once again recognized as one of the nation's best online resources for family history researchers. *Family Tree Magazine* named the Digital Archives a "[Best Websites of 2011](#)," which encompasses genealogy- and history-related sites from all sources public or private, subscription or free. The magazine also named the Digital Archives a "[Best State Website](#)" in December 2010.

"This national recognition is an honor for the State of Indiana, the Indiana State Archives, and the hard-working volunteers that spent 15 years and countless hours indexing the millions of records now searchable in the Indiana Digital Archives," said Jim Corridan, State Archivist and Director of the Indiana Commission on Public Records. "The Digital Archives' success is derived in its ability to instantly connect Hoosiers and family history researchers worldwide to valuable historical records and other holdings within the Indiana State Archives."

Overall, *Family Tree Magazine* recognized 101 websites that represent the go-to genealogy and family-history resources available online. The Indiana Digital Archives was one of only a handful of public resources to be named a "[State-of-the-Art Archives](#)." Specifically, the magazine cited the Digital Archives 2.7 million-plus searchable records and the recent additions of indexes to Civil War and Indiana National Guard records.

Researchers can browse through these new indexes and other popular Indiana State Archives collections at [www.indianadigitalarchives.org](http://www.indianadigitalarchives.org). From before statehood in 1816 and on through to its approaching bicentennial, Indiana has been home to thousands of settlers and immigrants. The Digital Archives enables Hoosiers and citizens worldwide to browse the vast collection historical and vital records housed at the State Archives.

### **About the Indiana Digital Archives**

*The [Indiana Digital Archives](#) is operated by the State Archives Division of the Indiana Commission on Public Records. The result of a cooperative partnership made possible by a grant from the Library of Congress and administered by the Washington State Archives, the Digital Archives has more than 2.7 million searchable records online. Other partners include the states of Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana and Oregon.*

### **About Family Tree Magazine**

*"[Family Tree Magazine](#)", America's #1 family history magazine, is the first mass-market, beginner-friendly genealogy magazine. It covers all areas of potential interest to family history enthusiasts, reaching beyond strict genealogy research to include historical travel, family reunions, scrapbooking, oral history, ethnic heritage, memoirs and other ways that families connect with their pasts. "Family Tree Magazine" strives to give readers all the resources they*

*need to discover, preserve and celebrate their family histories -- and to provide engaging, easy-to-understand instruction that empowers readers to take the next step in the quest for their pasts.*

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